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## ORDER NUMBER G-215-19

IN THE MATTER OF the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

FortisBC Energy Inc.

Application for Approval of an Operating Agreement

Between the Corporation of the City of Enderby and FortisBC Energy Inc.

## **BEFORE:**

R. I. Mason, Commissioner

on September 9, 2019

## **ORDER**

## WHEREAS:

- A. On August 29, 2019, FortisBC Energy Inc. (FEI) filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for approval of an operating agreement dated August 16, 2019, entered into between the Corporation of the City of Enderby (City of Enderby) and FEI (FEI-Enderby Operating Agreement or Application);
- B. FEI (through predecessor company BC Gas Utility Ltd.) and the City of Enderby entered into a franchise agreement dated June 16, 1998 and approved by BCUC Order C-10-98, which is set to expire on September 5, 2019;
- C. FEI submits that the FEI-Enderby Operating Agreement is consistent with the approved terms of the Village of Keremeos Operating Agreement, and with recent changes directed by the BCUC in Order G-81-19 and later approved by Order G-99-19;
- D. In its Application, FEI requests interim approval of the FEI-Enderby Operating Agreement prior to the expiry of the existing agreement, pending the outcome of the proceeding; and
- E. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and considers that approval on an interim basis is warranted.

**NOW THEREFORE** under section 23(1)(g) and section 89 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the BCUC issues interim approval of the FEI-Enderby Operating Agreement until the Panel reaches a final determination on the Application.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

R. I. Mason Commissioner